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The Army Corps of Engineers is pledging a "serious discussion" reviewing how it engages with tribes as part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) project review process, after halting approval for parts of the Dakota Access crude oil pipeline (DAPL) following protests from a tribe and others about inadequate consultation.

The Corps announced Sept. 9 that it would suspend approval for construction of two sections of DAPL that would be built on Corps-owned land under or near Lake Oahe in North Dakota. Members of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and others have argued, in litigation and public protests, that the administration failed to adequately consider the potential that the pipeline's construction along the Missouri River waterbodies threatens their drinking water supply.